worships him CVishmi) alone in exclusion of all other deities,
he should be regarded as a holy person. O thou foremost <£
Brihmanas, 6ne, who is devoted to Vishnu, soon becomes
holy and comes by the highest bliss; a devote of Vishnu
never perisheth. What does he care for (fruits of) virtue
or (objects of) desire and opulence whose mind is absorbed
in the root-cause of the universe (Vishnu^? His Salvation is
in his own hands. Verily insurmountable is the Nescience or
illusion (Maya)o'f Vishnu, which is composed of the three
qualities (Sattva, Rajas and Tamas); he, who is fondly
devoted to him, alone sails across this occean of phenomena.
Of what good is the celebration of a religious sacrifice to a
man, who performs, every moment,, the sacrifice of (contem-
plates) Hari? It is faith and devotion alone by which a
man can attain to Vishnu and by no other means. Neither
the various forms of gifts, offered in due form and to worthy
recipients, nor the offerings of^ flowers and scents unto the
god, so much lead to his satisfaction, as the homage of
heart-felt love and devotion to him. This poison-tree of
worldliness bears two ambrosial fruits, one is the service of the
Lord and the other is the company of His servants. Inspite
-of so n)any easily available offerings to god, such as water,
flowers, fruits and vegetable leaves, why should not a man
strive for the emancipation of his self by placing absolute
confidence in the oldest of Beings, who is

attainable through
love and faith? Ancestors rebound in joy, and grand-fathers
dance in delight (in consideration of the fact that) f*a Vaish*
naya is born in our line and he will sbccour us. all." Tfce
ignorant and proud souls, like Shishup&la and Suyodbaaa,
who abused and looked down upon the foremost of the celes-
tials, obtained their emancipation by once thinking of him
and were absolved of all sin ; what wonder is tb*re tfe#t meu,
who are fondly devoted to 4rira, will be liberated from the
trammels of rebirth ? Even they, who, devoid of contempla-
tion and communion, are. fondly devoted to him, shall o»v«r